

Creative Writing Unit

Subject: ELA

Grade: 7

Classes: 8 or 9

Goals of Unit:

- Integrate plot, characters, setting, point of view, and conflict to create a short story
- Participate in workshops to develop the parts of a short story
- Actively participate in class

Curricular Outcomes:

- demonstrate an awareness of how and when to integrate interesting effects in imaginative writing and other ways of representing; include thoughts and feelings in addition to external descriptions and activities; integrate detail that adds richness and density; identify and correct inconsistencies and avoid extraneous detail; make effective language choices relevant to style and purpose, and, when appropriate, select more elaborate and sophisticated vocabulary and phrasing
- keep the reader and purpose for writing in mind when choosing content, writing style, tone of voice, language choice, and text organization
- choose, with increasing regularity, the prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, proofreading, and presentation strategies to aid in producing various texts

Final Project: Write a short story

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5	April 11, Day 6 Working on projects	April 12, Day 1 Working on projects	April 13, Day 2 7H [90 mins] -Present projects -Online assignment 7I Present projects	April 14, Day 3 7G Present projects 7F [90 mins] -Present projects -Online assignment 7I Online assignment	April 15, Day 4 7H Main Character Questionnaire 7I Main Character Questionnaire 7G Online assignment 7F Main Character Questionnaire
Week 6	April 18, Day 5 7FHI Setting 7G Main Character Questionnaire	April 19, Day 6 7FHI Writing prompts 7G Setting	April 20, Day 1 7FHI Work class – improving projects 7G [90 mins] -Writing prompts -Work class – improving projects	April 21, Day 2 7H [90 mins] -Introduce story project -PPT on writing an introduction 7I Introduce story project	April 22 – Good Friday, No School
Week 7	April 25 – Easter Monday, No School	April 26, Day 3 7G Introduce story project 7F [90 mins] -Introduce story project -PPT on writing an introduction 7I PPT on writing an introduction	April 27, Day 4 7H -Punctuation and paragraphs -Working on stories 7I [90 mins] -Punctuation and paragraphs -Working on stories 7G PPT on writing an introduction 7F	April 28, Day 5 7FGHI Sign up for blogs for literature circles	April 29, Day 6 7FGHI Draft of short stories due; fill out peer evaluation forms

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Week 8	May 2, Day 1 Work on good copies of stories	May 3, Day 2 Short stories due	May 4, Day 3 Introduce blogs	May 5, Day 4 *Last Day* Share short stories with class	